Hoshikuzuu SCANS

Focus

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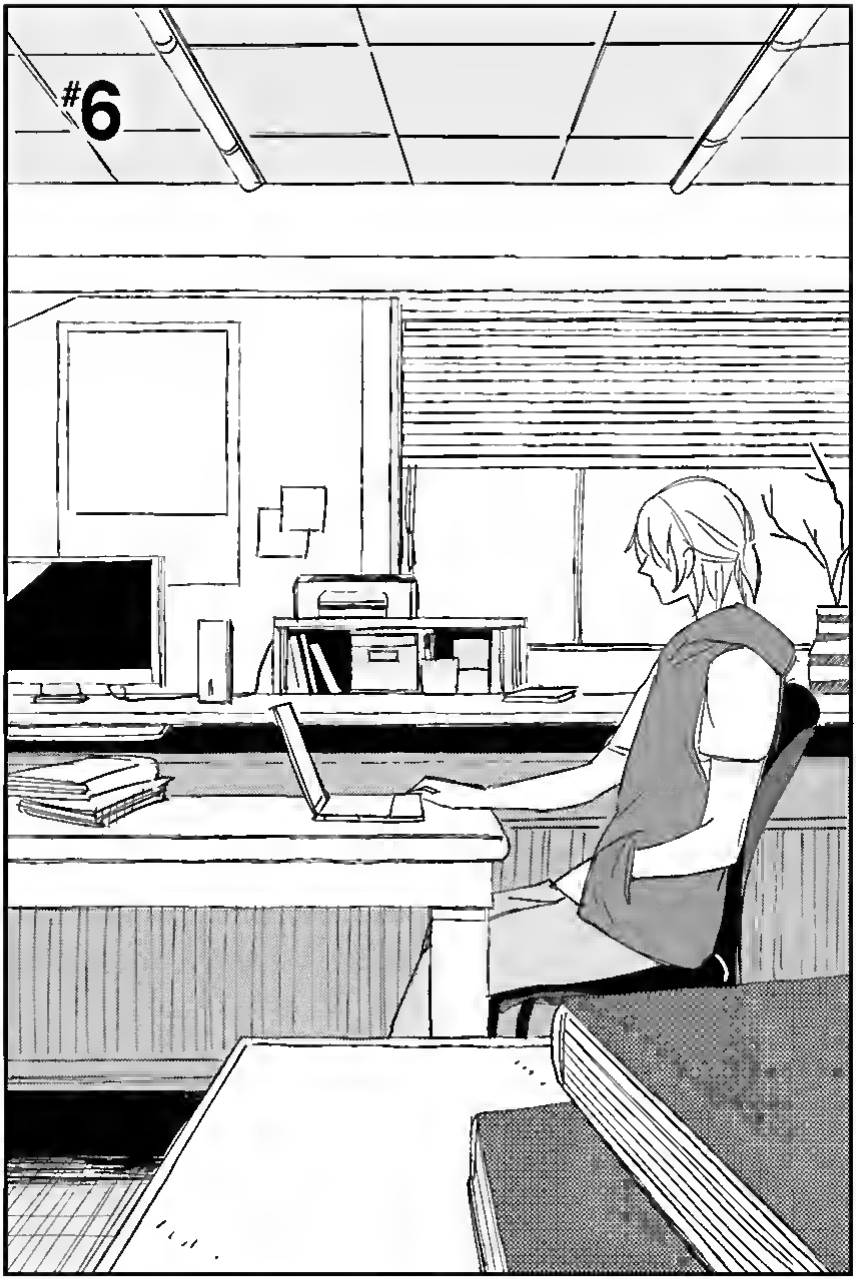
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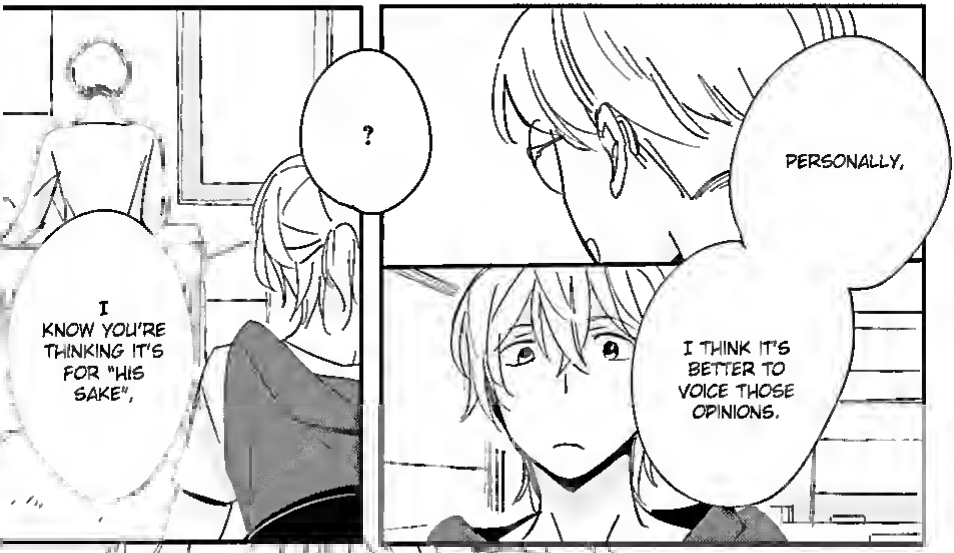
WHAT THE HECK.
JUST SAY IT.
I CAN'T.
WHY NOT?
THAT'S SOMETHING MOST PEOPLE FEEL WHEN THEY'RE DATING.
MAYBE SO, BUT...

TRY TO MATCH ME.
BUT IF I DO,
HE'LL PROBA-BLY
I DON'T WANT HIM
TO DO IT JUST BECAUSE I SAID SO.
...
?
ALL THE MORE REA-SON, ISN'T IT?
...
I WANT IT TO BE OF HIS OWN ACCORD.

I THOUGHT YOU WERE JUST COMPLAINING, SO I THOUGHT I COULD LISTEN...
Don't worry, it wasn't that hard.
...
That's mean!
WHACK
ARE YOU SMITTEN?
Ow!
!
I'M SICK OF THIS.
GET TO WORK!
YOU'RE ONLY THINKING ABOUT IT BECAUSE YOU HAVE NOTHING TO DO.
WHEN YOU'RE BUSY, IT DISTRACTS YOU FROM THOSE THINGS.
NOW I SENT YOU THE INFO FOR YOUR NEXT ASSIGNMENT, SO TAKE A LOOK AT IT.
GOT IT.

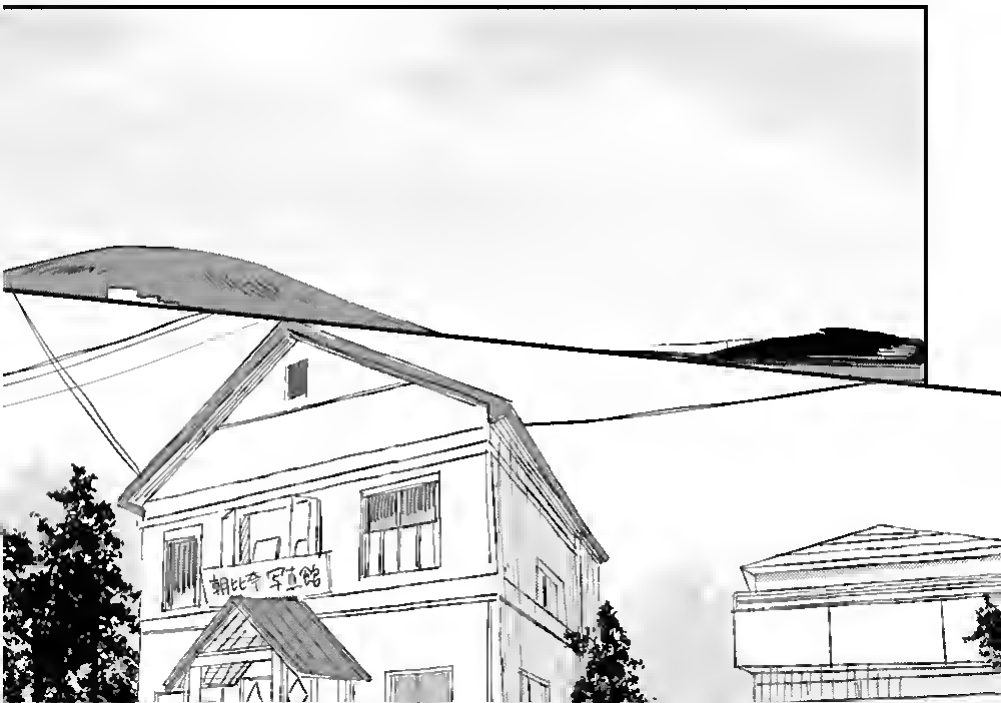
Oh.
BUT,
WELL,
THAT MAKES SENSE.


I KNOW YOU'RE THINKING IT'S FOR "HIS SAKE",
?
PERSONALLY,
I THINK IT'S BETTER TO VOICE THOSE OPINIONS.

WILL SOON BECOME "HIS FAULT".
BUT ALL THOSE PENT UP THOUGHTS AND FEEL-INGS

I SEE.
...
Oda Design.
click
I DON'T WANT THAT TO HAPPEN.
Because "his fault".
HOW-EVER,
Regardless of which one it is,
I've never been very good at holding things in.
I revealed my intentions in the beginning,
and I conformed to my partner's behavior.

JUST DOING IT THIS TIME
HOLDS NO MEANING TO IT.



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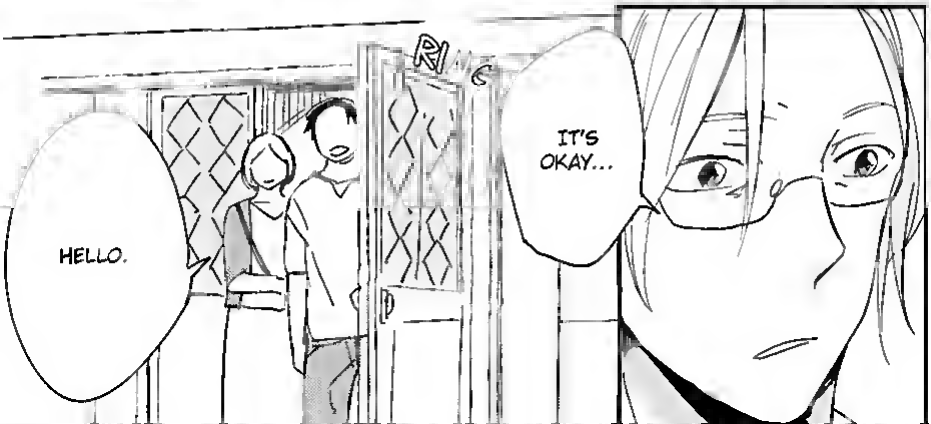
WHERE IS THE PHOTO PAPER?
UM...
THAT'LL BE IN THE CUPBOARD TO THE RIGHT IN THE DARK ROOM.

OH...
THANKS.
IS THAT SO?

SORRY FOR CHANGING WHERE EVERYTHING WAS.


RING
HELLO.
IT'S OKAY...

UH OH.
LONG TIME NO SEE. I APOLOGIZE FOR EVERYTHING.
HEY.
YOU'RE REALLY BACK!
Ah!
Makoto-kun!
WELL, THAT'S A GIVEN.
SINCE I REARRANGED EVERYTHING.
IT'S BEEN
EIGHT YEARS
Once the excitement of the reunion dies down,
Will it be tolerance?
Or nervousness?

This frigid air
is suddenly
jabbing me in the face.
ALWAYS BEEN THIS WAY?
OR HAS IT
I still haven't told him 'welcome back'.
EXHIBIT?
...
COME TO THINK OF IT,

Well,
You'd be able to hand it no problem.
THAT'S A DIFFERENT KIND.
YOU SHOULD DO IT CLOSER TO THE CITY.
IT'S NOT LIKE
YOU HAVE TO HAVE IT AT OUR PLACE.
I WANT ONE WITHOUT A SPONSOR.
A MORE PERSONALIZED ONE.
DAD.
OKAY,
THANKS.
IT'S DARK, SO WATCH YOUR STEP.
I'M GOING TO
PASS OUT THE PETITION.

WOW.
...
...
THAT'S...
...PRETTY AWKWARD.
WHETHER TO FORGIVE ME.
OVER WHAT?
HE'S PROBA-BLY STILL MULLING OVER IT.

MORE-OVER,
I HAVEN'T MADE ANY CONTACT IN EIGHT YEARS.
FAMILY IS JUST A GROUP OF INDIVIDU-ALS.
clink
...
DESPITE BEING FA-MILY?
EIGHT YEARS IS MORE THAN ENOUGH TIME...
...TO LOSE THAT UNCONDITIONAL TRUST YOU HAVE IN YOUR PARENTS.
I'M FINE WITH IT.
YOU REAP WHAT YOU SOW.
...

That boy

has become entangled with my lifestyle.

And yet,

IF YOU...
...FEEL GUILTY ABOUT IT,
DON'T JUST SIT HERE REGRETTING IT.
YOU'RE NOT A GREAT FATHER. I'LL ADMIT THAT.
BUT YOU TAKE GOOD PICTURES.
AT LEAST,
FOR THESE PAST EIGHT YEARS,
TRY TO PLACATE HIM
WITH THE WORKS YOU HAVE PRODUCED.
If not,
THOSE EIGHT YEARS FOR THAT BOY WON'T HAVE PAID OFF.
...
YEAH.
YOU'RE RIGHT.

I WON'T HAVE ANY REGRETS.
AND JUN
WOULDN'T WANT THAT EITHER

...
I TOOK A SHORTCUT
OH.
TONIGHT'S A FULL MOON.
...
Just a little.

THIS MIGHT BE
A BIT ANNOYING.
...
...

OKAY!
brrr
HOW ABOUT WE TAKE A TEN MINUTE BREAK?
brrr
Incoming
brrr
!
hino jun
THAT'S RARE.
FOR HIM TO BE THE ONE CALLING ME.
YEAH,
HELLO?

SORRY TO BE CALLING SO LATE.
...AH.
Huh?
Oh
Sorry-
IT'S FINE.
WE'RE ACTUALLY ON BREAK RIGHT NOW.
NAH,
IT'S TOTALLY FINE.
I'M STILL AT WORK.
...
...
YEAH.
I see
You're working hard late at night

!
Asahina-san?
Really?
THE PHOTOS I TOOK OF TOKYO ARE CURRENTLY BEING DEVELOPED. I'LL SEND THEM TO YOU.
Thanks.
I'm looking forward to them
Uh.
Um.
Oh.
...
...
...

Are you fine on the phone?
Should I...
...go over there?
HUH?
...
If you say

"come",
then
I will...
IT'S OKAY.

I AM
OKAY NOW.
...
Hirami-
san?

Okay.
Then
that's
good.

OH.
Sorry,
for calling you
while you're
busy
But,
SORRY,
MY
BREAK'S
ALMOST
UP.

...NGH.
...
I'm glad I got to hear your voice
OKAY.
BYE.
I'll call again
Hey! Hiram!
WE'RE STARTING OVER HERE!
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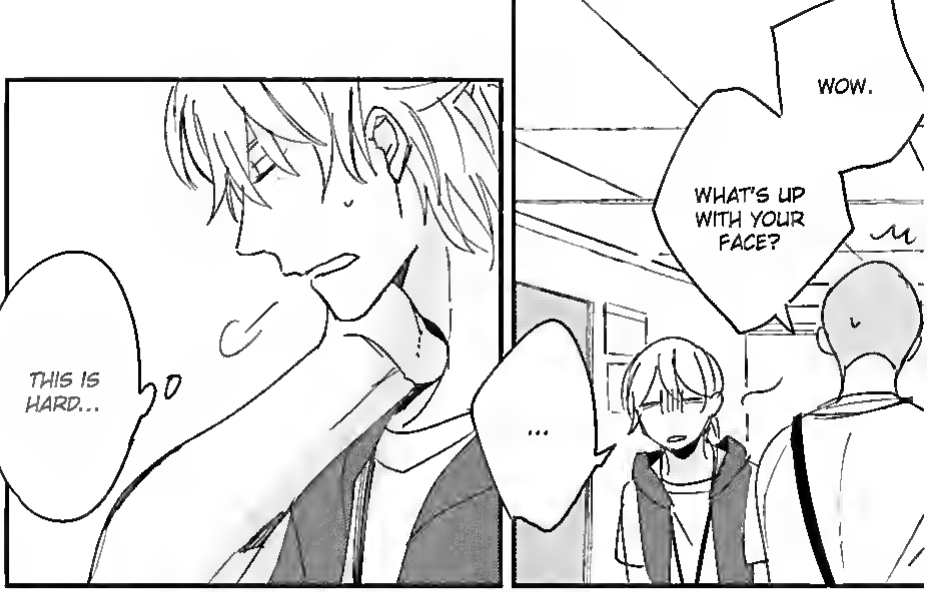

Having to swallow back the stuff I want to say

is extremely tough.

brrr
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has been doing that the whole time.
Without a single complaint.
...
HE'S AMAZING.
You've worked hard.
The moon is pretty tonight.
I wonder if you can see it from where you are?

The moon,

is only beautiful when...

...you are next to your loved one.

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